

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0025] The operator control module shown in Figure 1b is a finger scanner 20B. The latter includes a housing (20') which, in particular, has a two-part design and features a pot-like housing cover 20e. The front face of the finger scanner shows a plane sliding surface 20a' across which a user can slide along a finger. The papillary pattern of his/her fingertip is measured by slit-shaped sensor ~~20f~~ 20d and passed on to computer module 30. Moreover, two light-emitting diodes 20c can be seen on the front face, which allow indication of the operating condition of the finger scanner by means of color and/or flashing signals.